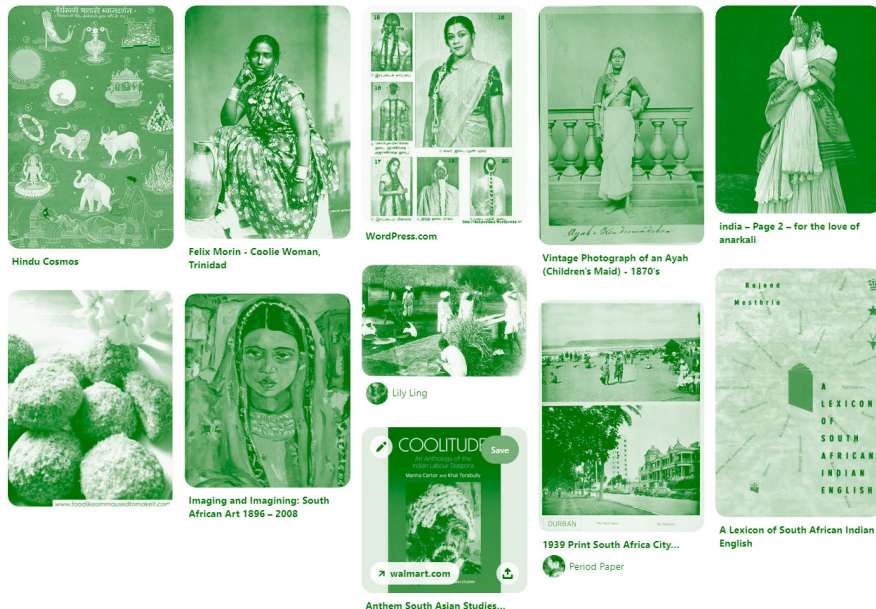


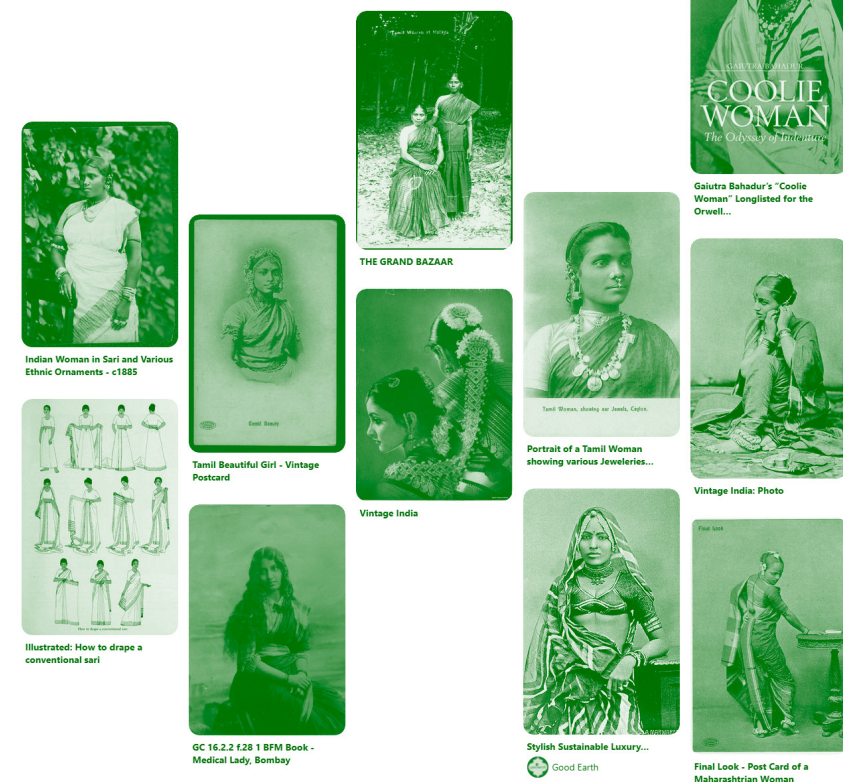


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Happy Enforced Arrival Day
 Happy Day of Bondage
 Happy Psychic Wounds Day
 Happy Day of Trauma Revisiting
 Happy Kidnapped Displaced People Day
 Happy To Be Here Day
 Happy Kala Pani Peoples Day
 Happy Forgetting Day
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 Happy Marooned Diaspora Day of the Sugarcane Castaways

“Happy Indian Arrival Day!”



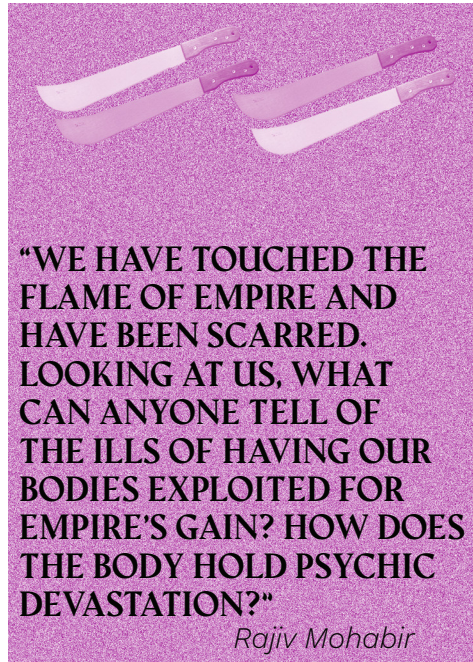
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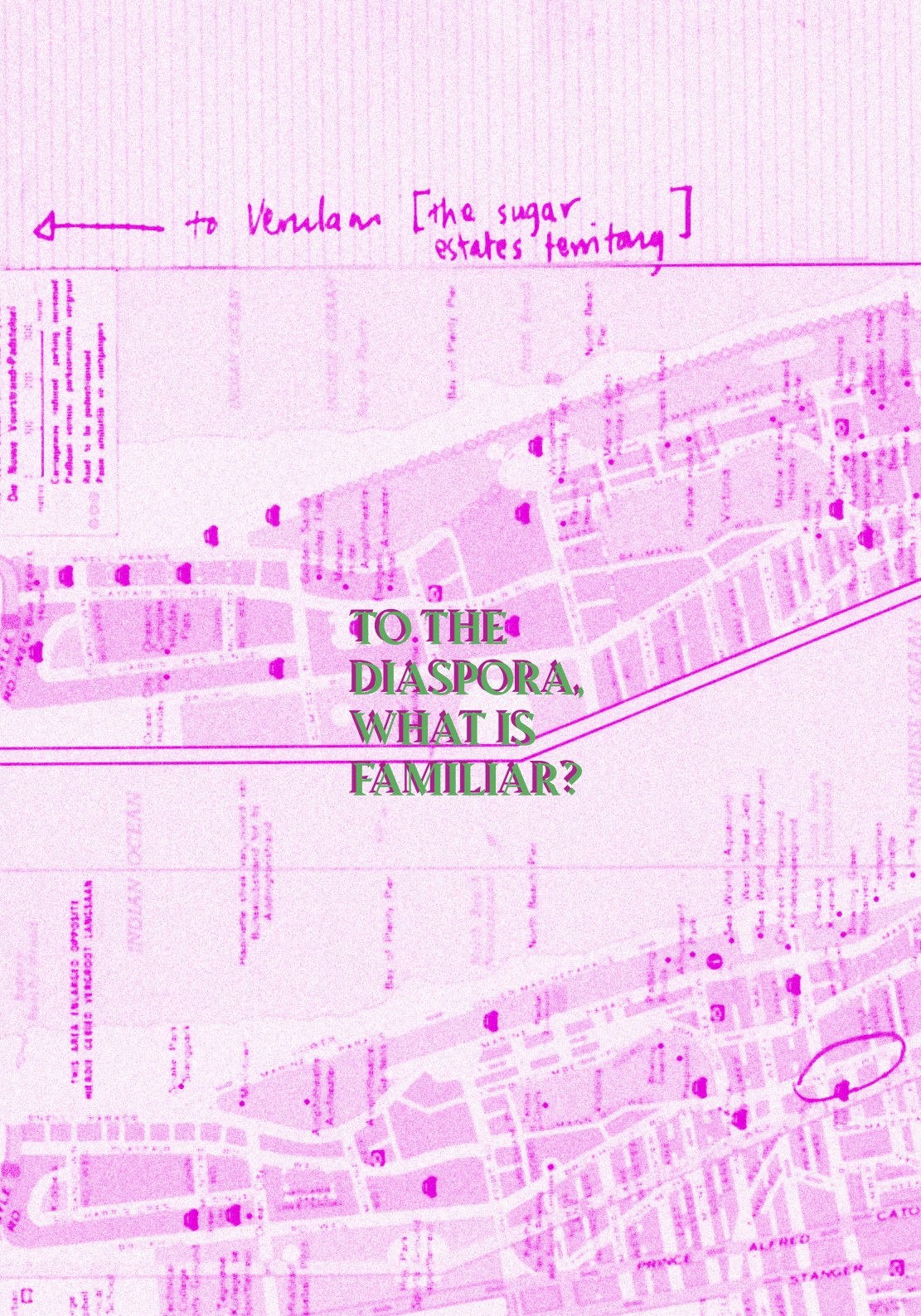


Indian Arrival Day

Indian Arrival Day is a holiday celebrated on various days in the nations of the Caribbean, Fiji, and Mauritius, commemorating the arrival of people from the Indian subcontinent to their respective nation as indentured labour brought by European colonial authorities and their agents.

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Master and Mistress Coolie Arrive again and and



"A very remarkable scene was the landing of the first batch of Indian indentured labourers and one well worth remembrance and record. The swarthy hordes came pouring out of the boat's hold. A queer, comical, foreign-looking, very Oriental-like crowd. The men, with their huge muslin turbans, bare scraggy skin-bones, and coloured garments; the women with their flashing eyes, long dishevelled pitchy hair, with their half covered, well-formed figures and keen inquisitive glance; they were all evidently beings of a different race and kind to any we have yet seen. Master Coolie seems to make himself quite at home."

Natal Mercury, 1860

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